

### The Air-Tight Moisture-Proof Can

Which is patented and in which Good Luck Baking Powder is packed exclusively, keeps the powder fresh and dry enabling it to reach the kitchen with all its original leavening power.

### Good Luck Baking Powder

Gives biscuits, cakes, waffles, muffins, butter-bread, etc., a lightness and freshness, yet a firmness that no other powder gives.

Valuable coupons cut from can labels are exchanged for useful and ornamental premiums.

6 ounces, 5 cents; 1 pound, 10 cents; at your dealers.

The Southern  
Manufacturing Company,  
RICHMOND, VA.

Address to Colored People.  
Elizabeth Carter of New Bedford, Mass., president of the Federation of Colored Women of the United States, in organization of which Booker T. Washington's wife is vice-president, will address the colored women of Richmond at Sharon Baptist Church tonight. She has traveled all over the United States in the interest of the federation and is one of the best known colored women in the country. This morning she will visit all of the colored enterprises of the city.

Captain W. J. Epps Much Worse.  
Captain W. J. Epps, brother of Captain George W. Epps, who was stricken with paralysis some time ago and rendered critically ill, had another stroke yesterday, and is now very much worse. Captain Epps is a Confederate veteran, and is well known in the city.

### "Talk With Crafts"

## The Annual Xmas Sale

is fast drawing the piano-seeking people to Crafts. It is the one occasion for pronounced economy—the one event where that long wished for instrument may be had at a price truly sensational.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS TILL 9 O'CLOCK.

### Bargains in Used Pianos

All cases are handsome and massive, and these are "perfect" instruments, too.

1 Fischer Piano, in handsome mahogany case; sale price ..... **\$195**

1 Fischer Piano, in beautiful walnut case; unequalled at this price ..... **\$167.50**

1 Chickering Piano in rosewood case ..... **\$128.50**

1 Knabe Piano, in rosewood; in excellent condition ..... **\$190**

1 Kingsbury Piano, in mahogany, in very good order; a bargain at ..... **\$165**

1 Grovestein & Fuller Upright Piano, in rosewood ..... **\$75**

1 Wooster Upright Piano, in mahogany; sale price ..... **\$195**

1 Wooster Upright Piano, in mahogany; a beautiful instrument; fine tone ..... **\$225**

### New Upright Pianos Reduced

All \$200.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$119**

All \$250.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$128**

All \$300.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$198**

All \$325.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$200**

All \$350.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$208**

All \$400.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$247**

All \$425.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$267**

All \$450.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$298**

All \$475.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$300**

All \$500.00 Pianos reduced to ..... **\$315**

### Miscellaneous Organ Bargains

\$100 Estey Organ (used), walnut case; sale price ..... **\$65**

\$125 Shoninger Organ (used), rosewood case, French mirror, at ..... **\$55**

\$150 Waterloo Organ, golden oak case, with a tone that is beautiful; French mirror, a wonderful Organ at the price ..... **\$80**

\$75 Kimball Organ, magnificent mirror. If you like this name on an organ see this one. Cannot be told from new; sale price ..... **\$40**

The Largest Piano Dealers in  
Virginia and North Carolina

## Crafts

Our Location Saves You Money  
Fifth and Grace Streets.

## PROMISE MONEY FOR MISSION WORK

Petersburg Methodists Pledge  
\$1,200 to Laymen's  
Movement.

### DINWIDDIE CIRCUIT COURT

Store in Sussex Broken Into and  
Merchandise  
Stolen.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
109 North Sycamore Street,  
Petersburg, Va., December 21.  
The missionary committee of Washington Street M. E. Church has pledged that church to raise \$1,200 during the coming year for the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and this pledge has the endorsement and co-operation of the advisory board. Every member of the church and every attendant will be given an opportunity to contribute to this fund in weekly or monthly payments according to ability and disposition, and there is no question of raising the full amount. And in this connection it can be stated that similar action has been taken by other Protestant churches in the city have pledged increased contributions for missions from their churches, and are actively working to the same end. It is expected in the interest of the Laymen's Movement to raise fully \$12,000 in Petersburg next year.

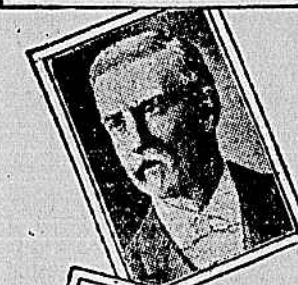
**Dinwiddie Circuit Court.**  
The Dinwiddie Circuit Court, Judge Watson presiding, is in session this week and the trial of the two Richmond detectives, L. T. Branch and Dennis Roe, the latter colored, for alleged assault and false imprisonment, was set for trial to-day. The victim in the case was Mr. Sheffield, a citizen of the county, who was supposed to know something of the kidnapping and whereabouts of the little child, Lula Joyner, about six or seven years ago, and who says he was arrested and his life threatened by the detectives in an effort to force a confession from him. When the defendants were tried before Justice Watkins last summer, a sentence of both fine and imprisonment was imposed upon them, from which sentence they took an appeal to the Circuit Court. The cases have excited much interest in the county.

**Robbery in Sussex.**  
Mr. Betts, a merchant of Stony Creek, in Sussex county, reported to the police this morning that his store was broken into last night and robbed of a large quantity of merchandise, including many pairs of shoes. As far as known, there is no clue to the thieves.

Robert Jones, a colored driver for the Totty Transfer Company, while driving to the company's stables last night, fell from his dray and was severely injured, one of his eyes being almost knocked out and receiving cuts about the head. It was at first thought that he had been assaulted, but investigation proved this to be untrue.

**Personal and Otherwise.**  
Freeman W. Jones, for several years past the soliciting passenger and freight agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway in this city, has been

### Christmas Gifts in Diplomatic Service



ROBERT BACON.  
H. C. KERN.  
WILLIAM J. CALHOUN.  
HENRY P. FLETCHER.  
HENRY L. WILSON.

## Folks, Do Your Shopping Mornings.

The Final Holiday Hustle is Here---Only a Few Days Left in Which  
to Do Your Christmas Shopping at

# The E. B. Taylor Co.

MAIN STREET STORE—Opposite Post-Office

## Holiday Gift Suggestions

Why not a piece of China or Cut Glass, or perhaps a piece of Brass or an Electrolier? It is the ideal gift because it adds so much to both the comfort and beauty of the home.

## Our Christmas Display

Appeals to all tastes—our prices to all purses.

### Electroliers

Electroliers are a great feature of our display this year, and range in price from \$10.00 to \$50.00.

### Chafing Dishes

In either nickel or copper, and at prices ranging from \$3.00 up to \$15.00.

### Dinner Sets

A Dinner Set is a very suitable present for a housekeeper, and we have them in the different grades at from \$12.50 to \$100.00 per set.

### Cut Glass

In almost anything you could wish for, and at away down prices.

### Clocks

We have just opened up a line of Mahogany Case Clocks that are winners. We have other kinds, too, at from 75c up to \$35.00 each.

### Special Jupiter Burner

Another shipment of this fine Incandescent Gas Burner received, and we again put them on sale at 59c each.

## Toys and Dolls

We still have plenty for the late comers. Our stock is made up of such goods as are sure to please the young folks.

# The E. B. Taylor Co.

1011 EAST MAIN STREET

promoted to the position of commercial agent of the company, with headquarters at Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Jones, who is one of the most popular young men in our city, will leave for Charlotte to enter on his new duties about January 1.

The candidacy of four popular men for Congress in this district has caused, it is said, a very large number of persons to qualify themselves

to vote. In some of the counties nearly every man has paid his poll taxes, and it will not be surprising to see 7,000 or 8,000 votes cast in the primary election in January.

Miss Sadie Branch Maye and G. J. Savage, both of this city, left this morning for Halifax, N. C., where they were married this afternoon.

Business has been so satisfactory this year that no important changes

in mercantile firms are heard of at the close of the year.

Hickory Camp, No. 144, Woodmen of the World, has been organized and instituted at Prince George Court-house, with a good membership, and the following officers: Consul-Commander, Thomas W. Temple; Adviser, Lieutenant, Joel M. Temple; Banker, James H. Temple; Clerk, John T. Dvorak; Escort, Francis A. Epps; Secretary, Robert C. Edwards; Watchman, William H. Epps; Physicians, Dr. W. C. Powell and Dr. H. A. Burke, of Petersburg.

**Building Permits.**  
Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows:

I and S. Cohen to erect a four-story brick store, 9 East Broad Street, as annex to present store, to cost \$21,000.

D. M. Lea and Company to repair a brick factory on the south side of Main Street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth, to cost \$100.

## MARK TWAIN BLUE AND SUFFERS PAIN

Says Work Is Over in This Life  
and This  
World.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Mark Twain, who has been a month in Bermuda, where he celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday on November 30, returned yesterday by the Quebec Line steamship Bermudian somewhat out of sorts physically, and even disinclined to jest. He was amiably sad, and his familiar drawl lacked the humorous note.

"I have spent most of my time in Bermuda riding," said Mr. Clemens. "I am getting too old to play golf and tennis, and I have not the inclination to do much work. When I got down to Bermuda that pain in the breast left me; now on my return, I have got it again. I have five or six unfinished tasks, including my autobiography, and I do not know when I will finish them."

"I have done almost nothing in the last three years. I may take up my autobiography again in a few weeks. I have already published 100,000 words, and expect to have 500,000 published, mostly after I am dead."

In regard to the challenge of Major Charles Ginter, of St. Louis, to play with him and Mathias Dougherty the continuation of a game of euchre they had played when all three, the last surviving members of the St. Louis Euchre Club, sat up all night at St. Louis a way back in 1865, the humorist said: "I read that challenge in a dispatch from St. Louis. I am not going to continue the game. I am not well enough and I have not time."

He had this say about the woman suffrage: "I not only advocate it now, but have advocated it earnestly for the last fifty years. As to the militant suffragettes, I have noted that many women believe in the militant methods. You might advocate one way of securing rights and I might advocate another, and they both might help to bring about the result desired. To win freedom always involves hard fighting. I believe in the women doing what they deem necessary to secure their rights."

Mr. Clemens said he had been invited to lecture on woman suffrage by women's organizations. They knew where he stood on the matter.

"I cannot oblige them," he said, putting his hand over his left breast; "I am troubled too much here. I would not have the strength to deliver a lecture. I want to lecture any more. My work is over in this life and this world."

It was not with his usual firmness of step that the humorist came down the gangplank. Among those who met him at the pier was Mrs. Martin W. Littleton and his daughter. He will spend the holidays at his home in Redding, Conn.

The Royal Mail steamship Orotava finished yesterday her first trip from Bermuda, bucking head seas and westerly gales all the way. She showed that she is a good sea boat, which everybody knew who has been aboard when she was in the Australian trade.